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FOLLOWING MSG REPEATED TO YOU. SENT ACTION USBERLIN 23 MAY 75.

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SUBJECT: KLINGBEIL NOMINATION AS HONORARY CONSUL OF
URUGUAY IN BERLIN.

REF: SEMLER-HUGHES LETTER OF MAY 15, 1975, AND PREVIOUS.

LONG DISCUSSION OF KLINGBEIL NOMINATION TOOK PLACE AT
MAY 22 TRIPARTITE MEETING AND FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS
MADE AND CONCLUSIONS REACHED:

- A) ALLIES OWE NOTHING TO KLINGBEIL, NOT EVEN AN
EXPLANATION IF NOMINATION REFUSED;
- B) SAME APPLIES TO URUGUAY, BUT URUGUAY IS A
FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND ALLIES SHOULD NOT BE
PERCEIVED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES IN CAPRICIOUS MANNER;
- C) THERE IS NOT NOW SUFFICIENT GROUNDS AT HAND
ON WHICH TO REJECT THE URUGUAYAN NOMINATION;
TO SAY THAT HIS BUSINESS METHODS ARE NOT
STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND THAT HE DOES NOT SPEAK
SPANISH, ETC., NOT ENOUGH;

- D) THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL PLAY NO ROLE IN CASE;

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IT HAS NO DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED;

-- E) BEST COURSE IS FOR ALLIES TO APPROACH SENAT
AT HIGHER LEVEL, PERHAPS SAYING: THE ALLIES
WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SENAT VIEW BUT IT
HAS NOT GIVEN US SUFFICIENT INFORMATION;
SENAT PERHAPS WISHES TO RECONSIDER SINCE, AS
MATTER NOW STANDS, ALLIES WILL APPROVE
NOMINATION.

IF MISSION HAS NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH ABOVE COURSE,
EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT APPROPRIATE CONTACT BE INITIATED
WITH SENAT.
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